



"The Cottage Kit"



Welcome to Highlands East

We are pleased that you have chosen to visit our area and we hope that you have a great vacation! We understand that your time is valuable and you want to enjoy every minute that you are here. In order to simplify the management of your garbage and recycling while you are visiting, we have created this Cottage Kit to help out. There are a few rules & regulations that you will need to know about and our recycling program may be different than the one you experience at home but it is not too difficult! Everything you will need for the week is contained in this kit. Please take a moment to read through this letter and the kit contents. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to phone us as we are only a phone call away!

Highlands East Landfill Sites

Highlands East provides depot service for the collection of all wastes, garbage and recycling included. The garbage and recycling generated at the end of your stay will need to be taken to a landfill site as there is no curbside pickup.

Highlands East operates four landfill sites and one transfer station throughout the municipality. Included in your cottage kit is a **map** showing the location of each of these sites, **the hours of operation** for each and a **list of disposal fees**. There is no charge to dispose of household garbage (less than 1 cubic yard) or blue box recyclable materials.

"The Cottage Kit" Landfill Pass

Your Cottage Kit includes a **Landfill Pass** that will allow you a one-time admission to one of our landfill sites. You are required to give this to the attendant upon your arrival.

Clear Bags for Garbage

All household garbage in Highlands East is to be disposed of in a clear bag, so the waste is visible and easily identifiable by the landfill attendant. The purpose of clear bags is to help ensure that recyclable or hazardous waste materials do not end up in the landfill sites. If any recyclable materials or prohibited wastes are found within the clear bags, the bags will be refused by the landfill attendant and you will be asked to remove and properly sort the waste. **One clear bag (for garbage)** is included in the Cottage Kit but clear bags are sold at many of the retail stores in and around Haliburton County.

Blue Box Recycling

Blue box recycling is mandatory in Highlands East. Our program is separated into fibres and containers. Each landfill site has a specified recycling area. Please see the **Haliburton County Recycling Guide** that is included in your Cottage Kit, for a list of recyclable and non-recyclable materials. To help manage your recyclables, **two clear, blue recycling bags (for containers)** and **one, sturdy paper bag (for fibres)** are included in your kit.

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is the dumping of waste anywhere except at an approved waste disposal site. This includes, in the woods, along the side of the road, on private property or at the gate of a waste disposal site. Illegal dumping is costly to taxpayers and damaging to the environment. Incidents of illegal dumping are investigated by the By-law Enforcement Officer and offenders may receive fines up to \$150 per incident.

Be Aware, You're in Bear Country

Highlands East is known for bears and bears love to eat garbage! With careful management of your waste, you can reduce the chance of attracting bears at the cottage:

- Do not stockpile garbage. Take it to the landfill regularly
- Keep meat scraps & cooked food waste in the freezer until you are ready to take a trip to the landfill
- Store garbage in a bear-resistant container, shed or garage
- Never put meat, bones, fish or dairy products in a compost bin

For more information on ways to reduce the chances of attracting bears, check out the **BearWise** brochure included in your Cottage Kit or visit the MNR's Bear Wise website.

To report a bear problem, contact the MNR Bear Reporting Line at 1-866-514-2327 or in an immediate situation call 9-1-1.

Household Hazardous Waste

Highlands East hosts two HHW events each year and residents can also attend the five HHW events held in the Town of Bancroft, between May and September each year. **Household hazardous waste materials can only be disposed of at HHW events.** Please check out the brochure included in this kit as well as the municipal website for upcoming dates and items that are accepted at these events.



**Enjoy Your Stay &
Visit Again Soon!**